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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed in the above-captioned case on October 17, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.